(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) M/s Bharti Infotel Ltd. has opted for surrender of Basic Service Licence for Delhi, Haryana, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh service areas. The request of the company to surrender the licences was accepted and the paid entry fee was not refunded.

(e) All the Letter of Intents (LOIs) issued for grant of Unified Access Services (UAS) Licence except five service areas of one company have been converted into Licence Agreements on fulfillment of conditions stipulated in the LOI.

(f) The licensee can operate their services during validity of the licence which is 20 years from the effective date of licence unless revoked earlier. Further, the licensor may extend, if deemed expedient, the period of licence by 10 years at one time, upon request of the licensee.

Setting up of University for PIOs

*393. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up a University for Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs);

(b) if so, whether Government has taken a final decision on the issue;

(c) if so, the details regarding admissions, disciplines and fee structure of the University; and

(d) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) and (b) The task of setting up the first PIO/NRI university at Bangaluru has been entrusted to the Manipal Academy of Higher Education Trust (MAHET).

Expressions of Interest for setting up four more universities at places other than Banguluru have been invited.

(c) and (d) The Universities would be multi-disciplinary and shall offer courses in areas like Medical Sciences, Dental, Engineering and Technology, Information Technology, Business Administration, Management, Bio-technology and Bio-Informatics etc. 50% seats shall be reserved for PIO/NRI students. An Advisory Board, with representation in it from all concerned Ministries and Departments, as also bodies like the UGC, MCI, AICTE, etc. is charged with the responsibility of examining other aspects in the light of the established practice and the guidelines issued by the Supreme Court.

Discontinuation of power generation

†*394. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.